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Sir:

The above-named application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/965,175, filed September 27, 2001, currently pending, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/236,634 filed September 29, 2000, now abandoned. The disclosure of each of said parent and provisional application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, including any associated sequence listings.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing begin on page 4 of this paper and include attached "Request for Transfer of the Previously Filed Sequence Information," copy of "Statement of

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Sequence Correspondence” filed September 27, 2001 in the parent application, and paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed September 27, 2001 in the parent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.